REVISION OF ROYALTY RATES OF MINERALS FOR STATES

3431. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BRAHMDEO ANAND PASWAN :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there will be automatic revision in the royalty rates for minerals including coal and petroleum crude every four years;

(b) if so, what was the formula worked out for the State's share in the hike in the royalty rates by a group set up by the Cabinet; and

(c) by when that Group is likely to announce the rates ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

PRODUCTION OF MICA IN BIHAR

3432. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA
Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the average annual production of mica in the mines in Bihar and what was the actual production during the last three years with year-wise details;

(b) the quality of the mica utilised in the State and the quantity despatched to other States in the country every year with details of the last three years;

(c) the amount of royalty paid to Bihar for mica during the last three years with year-wise details; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to increase the mica production in the mines of Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) Average production of mica (Crude) on the basis of 3 years production comes to 1670 tonnes. The actual production for the last 3 years is given below :—

Production of Mica in Bihar, 1990-91 to 1992-93

Year	Mica (Crude)	Wastes & Scraps
1990-91	1944	988
1991-92	1887	680
1992-93(P)	1176	550

P—Provisional, based on monthly returns.